

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) An amplifier system (1) for satellites including:
first and second amplifier modules (A_1 , A_2) each having an input and an output,
a signal divider (D) having an input, a first output, and a second output,
a signal combiner (C) having a first input, a second input and an output,
said first output of said divider (D) being connected to said input of said first amplifier module (A_1) via a connection length Le_1 , said second output of said divider (D) being connected to said input of said second amplifier module (A_2) via a connection length Le_2 , said output of said first amplifier module (A_1) being connected to said first input of said combiner (C) via a connection length LS_1 , said output of said second amplifier module (A_2) being connected to said second input of said combiner (C) via a connection length LS_2 , and said connection length satisfying the equation $Le_1 + LS_1 = Le_2 + LS_2$, which system is characterized in that the connection length LS_1 is different from the connection length LS_2 .

2. (Original) An amplifier system (1) for satellites according to claim 1 characterized in that said length Le_1 is equal to said length LS_2 and said length Le_2 is equal to said length LS_1 .

3. (Currently Amended) An amplifier system (1) for satellites according to ~~either claim 1 or claim 2~~claim 1 characterized in that at least one of said amplifier modules (A_1 , A_2) is a traveling wave tube amplifier.
4. (Original) An amplifier system (1) for satellites according to claim 1 characterized in that at least one of said amplifier modules is a semiconductor SSPA.
5. (Original) An amplifier system (1) for satellites according to claim 1 characterized in that the connections between the outputs of said amplifier modules and the input of said combiner are waveguides.
6. (Original) An amplifier system (1) for satellites according to claim 1 characterized in that at least one of said amplifier modules (2) includes:
- first and second amplifier submodules (A_1 , A_2) each having an input and an output,
 - a signal divider (d) having an input, a first output, and a second output, and
 - a signal combiner (c) having a first input, a second input, and an output,
- said first output of said divider (d) being connected to said input of said first amplifier submodule (A_1) via a connection length Le_{11} ,
- said second output of said divider (d) being connected to said input of said second amplifier submodule (A_2) via a connection length Le_{12} ,

said output of said first amplifier submodule (A_2) being connected to said first input of said combiner via a connection length LS_{11} ,

said output of said second amplifier submodule being connected to said second input of said combiner via a connection length LS_{12} ,

said connection lengths satisfying the equation $Le_{11} + LS_{11} = Le_{12} + LS_{12}$, and the connection length LS_{11} being different from the connection length LS_{12} .